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Nykerk ladies square off in epic battle

Alyssa Barigian
GUEST WRITER

Nykerk—it’s not just a competition, it’s a tradition. On Saturday, Nov. 7, the Holland Civic Center hosted the 75th annual Nykerk Cup Competition. With the anticipation of the

audience, the freshman class of 2013 and the sophomore class of 2012 battled head-to-head in hopes of winning the Nykerk honor.

Although news of the H1N1 virus as well as the flu spread throughout Holland, students,

faculty and community members joined together in the Civic Center to experience the ultimate thrill of Nykerk. As the crowd rolled in, the excitement of the women in play, song and oration began to increase. After an exhilarating three hours,

the freshman class of 2013 was awarded the Nykerk Cup.

As the night began, the freshman song girls energized the audience by singing an American classic, “Footloose.” The sophomore girls, on the other hand, performed an

invigorating medley from the movie “Grease”. Sophomore song-girl Rebekah Taylor (’12) commented, “I really liked using ‘Grease’ because it had songs that everybody would know.”

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PHOTO BY ANN GREEN

WHICH WAY ARE THE JUDGES?— Odd Year Song (above) moves and grooves to “Footloose.” Even Year rocked out to a “Grease” medley.

Michigan legislators fail to keep Promise

Erika Ter Louw
STAFF WRITER

In light of Michigan’s approximate \$1.7 billion deficit, scholarships are one of many programs to feel the budget crunch. On Oct. 30, Michigan’s legislators approved the 2010 budget which omitted the Michigan Promise Scholarship.

The scholarship was first introduced by Gov. Jennifer Granholm in December of 2006. The aim of the Michigan Promise Scholarship was to increase the number of college graduates in Michigan. In a survey done by the U.S. Census Bureau in 2007, only 57 percent of the state’s college graduates with a bachelors degree were born in Michigan. In a two-fold effort to increase the number of well-educated persons in the work force as well as in the long-term help decrease the deficit, the Michigan government was giving up to \$4,000 as part of the scholarship program.

The revoking of this aid, which provided \$120 million for about 96,000 college students, will help Michigan’s deficit level in the short-term. However, many are fearful of its long-term effects. They fear that if college is not made more accessible to high school students, fewer will choose to pursue their education. Creating jobs, which require a college education helps Michigan’s economy long-term. However, without scholarships, and willing students, the numbers of graduates could decrease.

In order to qualify for the scholarship, students had to receive a particular score on a merit examination in high school. If scores were high enough, students would receive anywhere between \$500 and \$4,000 in aid for up to four years of post-secondary education.

The impact of the new budget will be felt immediately. All

funding for the Michigan Promise Scholarship will be revoked, including the fiscal year 2009-2010. Starting with the class of 2007, all payments will be suspended for both installments and final payments. Additionally, high school students will no longer be given the opportunity to apply for the Michigan Promise Scholarship.

Hope’s office of Financial Aid said they will be in contact

with all students and families whom this could affect. As of now, they are waiting to see if

the legislators will reinstate the scholarship.



GRAPHIC BY KRISTEN MULDER

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Wednesday Last Day of Van Wylen Library Book Sale Acting on AIDS meeting 8 p.m. SC 1116	Nov. 11
Thursday Math Colloquium 4 p.m. VDW 104 Christmas Bazaar 9:30 a.m. First United Methodist Church- Holland 57 W. 10th St. Relay for Life Bank Night Teams bring raised funds; 4 p.m. Maas Conf. Center	Nov. 12
Friday Biology Seminar 3 p.m. SC 1019 Engineering and Physics Seminar 3 p.m. VDW 104 Chemistry Seminar 4 p.m. SC 1000 Relay for Life 7 p.m. Dow Center	Nov. 13
Sunday The Gathering with guest speaker Shane Claiborne 8 p.m. Dimnent Chapel	Nov. 15
Monday Student Vespers Tickets Sales 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Devos Field House	Nov. 16
Tuesday Amnesty International meeting 8 p.m. Martha Miller 159	Nov. 17
Tuesday The Cool Train: A One Man Performance by Hope Alumnus Lunga Sinuka 7 p.m. Dewitt Theater	Nov. 17
Thursday Resume Lock in. Open to anyone who needs to create/update a resume; 8 p.m. - 11 p.m. MMC	Nov. 19
Saturday SAC presents Holiday Shopping Trip and Magnificent Mile Lights Festival, Chicago 11 a.m. - 12 a.m.	Nov. 21
Sunday The Gathering 8 p.m. Dimnent Chapel	Nov. 22

Relay for Life set to help battle cancer

Abbie Lindberg
GUEST WRITER

Nearly 700 students and faculty will join together to fight cancer at Hope’s 7th annual Relay for Life event at the Dow, Nov. 13 - 14, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Relay for Life, supported by The American Cancer Society, is a 24-hour non-competitive walking-marathon organized to raise money for cancer patients. For each participant, money is donated to this cause. Participants are encouraged to raise money independently before attending the event.

Relay for Life also raises

awareness in the community about the severity of the disease and how to best prevent its onset, while allowing survivors and people who have lost loved ones to commemorate their experiences.

This year, nearly 700 Hope students and faculty are expected to participate in the event. A 20-member committee, with the help of a number of Hope departments, is organizing the event. At 7 p.m., there will be an opening ceremony where Rhonda Burton will be a keynote speaker. At 8:30 p.m., the Sweet Japonic Band will perform. They

will provide entertainment for attendees and participants and deliver messages concerning breast cancer.

At 10 p.m., the luminaria ceremony will be held. The luminaria ceremony is a time for cancer survivors and those who have lost loved ones to cancer to achieve a catharsis and help others feel united in the fight. People purchase bags and write their loved ones’ names on them. These bags are illuminated by a candle and placed all around the track where the walk takes place.

At 11:30 p.m., activities encouraging cancer sufferers

to fight this disease will begin. Cancer victims will be able to meet and participate in various activities with others who are in a similar position. Also, speakers will teach attendees how to better prevent the onset of this disease by giving simple lifestyle change suggestions.

At 6:45 a.m., the closing ceremony will be held. This portion will help participants reflect on experiences pertinent to this crucial issue. The Relay for Life event will help the entire community raise awareness and compassion to better support the victims in their arduous fight.

Odd-year wins coveted Nykerk Cup

♦Gloves, from page 1

“Meeting so many new girls and also our coaches because they were so energetic and made it so fun,” said Jillian Black (’13) of Odd-year Song.

Karli Rowe (’12) and Cara Green (’13) reached the audience by speaking about their own understanding of this year’s theme: “Echoes.”

Rowe spoke of how a person should find happiness in the simple things and that although life may be complicated, a person needs to find the adventures that make him/her happy.

“I knew right away that I wanted to speak on adventure. I love the idea of adventure I love adventure stories, and I love hearing about others’ adventures...I wanted to write a speech dedicated to the simple pleasures of life,” said Rowe.

Green spoke about the importance of using our God-given talents as a way to echo throughout our lives. “In speaking to an audience of mostly college students, I wanted to share the idea that when looking for how

to live your life, you look back to what experiences have brought joy to your life,” said Green.

The plays performed by the two classes were jam-packed with humor, crazy costumes, exaggerated movements and unbelievable sets. The freshman class performed, “That’s the Name of the Game.”

The play was set on a board game and followed different characters on a journey to save their princess while resisting capture by the Evil Knight and his two pawns.

The sophomore class performed the play, “Aladdin,” in which the magic of Disney came to Hope College. With their own style of performing a play within a play, the sophomore characters performed the story of Aladdin as he attended Hope College and found a magic lamp that granted him three wishes.

The Nykerk competition between the freshmen and the sophomore class proved worthy of every minute of the long hours and weeks of practice. Freshman play participant Lydia Blickley (’13) said, “While winning the

the Nykerk Cup is great, the experiences we have shared are far more valuable. Winning the Cup is just the icing on the delicious Nykerk cake.”

The memories of Nykerk will always be remembered by those who participated in this extraordinary event. While Nykerk is an event in which many girls participate, it is more than just a competition between classes. “Nykerk made me feel more a part of the Hope student body and also more involved on campus,” said Caitlin Klask (’13).

Katie Anderson (’12) said, “When Nykerk ended, it didn’t matter who won because both



PHOTO BY ANN GREEN

IT’S THE QUEEN! IT’S THE QUEEN! — Andi Springett, the Nykerk Executive Board Chair Elect, emceed the night’s events.

classes put their whole heart into it and gave a wonderful performance. It was an experience that you can’t get at any other college and one that I will remember forever.”

PERSPECTIVES

College students apathetic to political happenings

Robert Guimond
CAMPUS Co-EDITOR

“Everyone has a vested interest in this issue. Get involved, get informed and make your voice heard,” health care reform expert and Hope alum Tom Boyer said to an audience of less than 60 people in the Maas Conference Room last Nov. 4.

At the Hope-sponsored event, Boyer spoke and answered questions about health care and health insurance reform. Less than 30 students attended — 30 out of a student population of more than 3,200.

“If Hope realizes how important an issue is, it should be a well-attended event,” said Ethan Morrical (’10), president of the Hope Republicans, prior to Boyer’s health care talk.

Does the event’s lack of attendance suggest student apathy towards the current health care debate occurring in Congress?

The Michigan Promise Scholarship was not included in Michigan’s 2010 budget set on Oct. 30. This means that current freshmen and sophomores who qualified for the aid will be losing up to \$1,000, and juniors who qualified for the aid will be losing up to \$2,000.

While these figures may seem small when compared to the yearly tuition at Hope, but it is still a substantial amount of money. There were no protests or organized student movements on Hope’s campus in reaction to the eliminated Promise like there were on other college campuses

across Michigan. None of my classes spoke about the issue.

Does the lack of attention toward the scholarship’s removal suggest student apathy towards governmental action?

Both Morrical and Alison Benoit (’10), president of the Hope Democrats, said a decline in student political activism was to be expected from this year to last year.

“Student activism is always pretty consistent ... Compared to election years, it has gone down, and that is something that as a group, we want to stop. We would love for everyone to be as motivated and involved as they were last year, every year,” Benoit said.

But despite student activism, students at Hope, a liberal arts

college that provides a well-rounded education, can seek to become well-informed about the issues especially as Congress moves to make changes that will ultimately affect people our age more than it will affect people their age.

“I would think that we’ll look back on some of the changes the Obama administration has made and see them as historical shifts,” Morrical said.

Health care legislation will potentially cause an historical shift.

“It’s very unnerving when people don’t understand our opportunities, the power the vote gives them, when people have bled and died for that opportunity,” Morrical said about student apathy.

Four out of four students I chose at random to interview had no comment on health care reform. All four had not known about the status of the Michigan Promise Scholarship. How many students would I have needed to ask to get an educated opinion?

“Today, we all respect one another’s opinions,” said Benoit. “With the atmosphere as such, it is time to open up a healthy dialogue about the issues.”

Health care reform bills are currently moving through Congress. Michigan legislators have yet to move towards reinstating the Promise Scholarship. Students still have time to “get involved, get informed and make your voice heard.”

Hope alumnus leads discussion on health care debate

Emma Biagioni
NATIONAL Co-EDITOR

Some of the questions surrounding the fate of President Obama's health care reform legislation in the House of Representatives were answered last Saturday night at 11:15 p.m. when the House voted to pass the bill.

In an e-mail to his supporters on Saturday, Obama said: "This is a night to celebrate — but not to rest. Those who voted for reform deserve our thanks, and the next phase of this fight has already begun."

The next phase for Obama's healthcare legislation is to receive the Senate's approval. The final Senate bill has not yet been released. The Senate debate will take place in the coming days.

Health care reform is a central feature of Obama's domestic agenda. His bill aims to extend health coverage to 36 million more Americans by providing an option for all citizens to receive coverage provided by the government.

In an effort to understand the proposed health care bill and the questions surrounding it, Hope College's Political Science Honors Society, Pi Sigma Alpha, held a discussion with Hope College alumnus and health care policy professional, Tom Boyer. On Nov. 4, Boyer gave a lecture to Hope students and faculty, as well as local community members titled "Health Insurance Reform vs. Healthcare Reform: A Brief Overview of How Political Debate is Shaping America's Health System for the Next Several Decades".

Boyer, a '91 Hope grad, was a political science major and participant in the Washington D.C. honors semester. Currently, Boyer works as director of government affairs of Novo Nordisk, lobbying for health care reform, and specifically working to improve legislation regarding diabetes.

At the beginning of the event, Boyer made his position on the topic of health care reform clear to the audience. "The current system is not sustainable," said Boyer. According to Boyer, an inability to afford health care has become the leading cause of bankruptcy in the United States. With the current system, he said, "If you get sick and you don't have health insurance, good luck getting it." The average health care yearly premium for a family of four is \$14,000, and Boyer expects it to increase by 1 to 12 percent in 2010. Health care is the largest sector of the United States economy without government oversight and he agrees with Obama's administration that it needs to be reformed.

The two debates currently taking place are over health insurance reform and health care reform. The latter, explained Boyer, is much more comprehensive. Boyer specializes in diabetes health care reform. In an effort to illustrate the change that needs to occur in regard to health coverage, he provided a comparative analysis of three different diseases in the U.S.

About 1.1 million Americans are infected with HIV/AIDS and the government spends about \$750 million a year on the prevention and detection of the disease. Less than 200,000 people have breast cancer or cervical cancer in the U.S. and the government spends more than \$300 million a year on the prevention and detection of the disease. Over 24 million people have diabetes in the U.S. and the federal government spends \$26 million annually on the prevention and detection of it.

Diabetes is the fifth leading cause of death by disease in the U.S., and the number of people with the disease has increased by about 13 percent in the past two years. By comparison, the incidence of HIV/AIDS and breast and cervical cancer are on the decline. Once diagnosed, for those with HIV/AIDS and breast and cervical cancer, the federal government or health insurance companies cover all expenses, but for Diabetes patients who are not senior citizens, Boyer says, for the most part, "You're on your own."

Boyer used the disparity in coverage among patients to illustrate the larger disparity within the current health care system. In order for people to be covered by their health insurance company in the U.S., they must meet particular requirements.

As the Senate debates the current bill, Boyer urges Americans to learn about health care policy because the debate "is not going away any time soon."



A HISTORIC MOMENT — Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (middle) is accompanied by House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (left) and Rep. George Miller, D-Calif. (right) at a press conference held at the U.S. Capitol after the House's approval of the health care reform bill.

Health care measure passed in the House, moves to the Senate

Sierra Hansen
GUEST WRITER

Health care is considered by many, regardless of political affiliation, to be the central national debate as President Obama's administration attempts to reform the U.S. health care system.

House Democratic leaders are offering a \$1.2 trillion, 10-year health overhaul bill called the **Affordable Health Care for America Act**. They say it will provide health insurance to 36 million Americans, eventually guaranteeing coverage to 96 percent of legal residents under the age of 65. **The net cost is predicted to be \$894 billion over 10 years**, factoring in penalties on individuals and employers alike who don't comply with new requirements.

If enacted, the new health care system would prevent insurers from denying coverage based on pre-existing factors and limit higher premiums based on age. It would also include a 5.4 percent surtax

on individuals earning more than \$500,000 and on couples earning more than \$1 million, which an aide said would bring in over \$460 billion over 10 years to help pay for covering the uninsured.

According to CNN, one out of three Americans under 65 were without health insurance at some point during 2007 and 2008.

Republicans have shown themselves to be nervous, primarily concerning the consumer-directiveness of the Democrat-led AHCAA. They question whether the entire health care system will become a federally run institution, or even that the bill will cause more job loss that will push the country further into debt.

Rep. Dave Camp (R. Mich) said, "The bill Speaker (Nancy) Pelosi crafted over the last three months behind closed doors, which has doubled in size from 1,000 to 2,000 pages, will do lasting damage to our economy [and] to medical

innovation and heap mountains of additional debt on our children and grandchildren."

The House of Representatives convened on Saturday to vote on the health care bill. Before Saturday's meeting took place, the bill was "scaled back" to include an amendment on abortion rights in order to get the vote through anti-abortion legislators. According to the BBC, "an amendment was passed that prohibits coverage for abortion in the government-run program except for rape, incest or if the mother's life is threatened. Private plans can still offer the cover."

The bill was passed by the House of Representatives and now waits for the Senate to vote on their own bill.

A new debate has arisen on the viability of the government-run insurance plan, better known as the public option. National Public Radio said: "For all the controversy over a government-run insurance option, the program outlined in health overhaul legislation likely would play a minuscule role in efforts to expand health care coverage, according to many health care experts and lawmakers." According to the Congressional Budget Office analysis of the House bill, of the 30 million Americans likely to purchase insurance through exchanges created by the legislation, only 6 million — or one-fifth — would enroll in a public insurance plan.

If the bill is passed by the Senate, both the House and the Senate will have to work together to settle on one bill before the program can be sent to President Obama's desk to be signed into law.

Army major kills 13 and injures 30 in shooting

Eric Anderson
NATIONAL Co-EDITOR

On Nov. 5, shots were fired against American troops stationed at Fort Hood military base just outside of Killeen, Texas, killing 13 soldiers and wounding 30 others.

The gunman was later identified as an American soldier, Army Major Nidal Malik Hasan, an Army psychiatrist.

Hasan was originally reported to have been fatally shot during the ensuing shoot-out, but was later declared to have been shot, apprehended and in cus-

tody, hospitalized while in stable condition as reported by the Associated Press.

There is not yet a definitive conclusion to Hasan's motivation.

An investigation into the incident has produced a number of possible theories as to Hasan's motive.

One area of speculation is Hasan's religious and ideological background. Hasan is of Palestinian descent and Islamic faith. While he was born and raised in and around Arlington, Va., there were occasions where he dis-

played a stronger allegiance to his Muslim identity than to his identity as an American according to the Los Angeles Times.

However, the ensuing investigation has not uncovered evidence to show that Hasan acted on behalf of Islamic terrorists.

Further investigation seems to point to Hasan's responsibilities as an Army psychiatrist as a likely catalyst.

Hasan regularly dealt with instances of psychiatric trauma in soldiers returning from combat. Hasan was facing deployment, and any of Hasan's pre-exist-

ing fears or emotional stresses may have been intensified by his counseling interactions with returning veterans. The New York Times reports that sources believed that this stress became too much to handle for Hasan.

Currently, Hasan is being held under guard in Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio as further inquiry is conducted regarding Hasan's disposition.

An inquiry is also being conducted to check whether Hasan displayed any warning signs that should have been noticed by his peers.

THIS WEEK IN QUOTES

“A call to fight oppression and to tear down all the walls that still separate the world, that divide cities, regions and nations.”

— French President, Nicolas Sarkozy, of the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.

“I look forward to signing comprehensive health insurance reform into law by the end of the year.”

— President Obama on the recent passage of health care reform by the House of Representatives.

“Bill Cosby is an example of someone from the older generation who has consistently blamed the poets and asked suffering community members to bear the full burden of guilt for the struggles that they endure.”

— Russell Simmons in an open letter to Bill Cosby.

“It would be a shame — as great a tragedy as this was — it would be a shame if our diversity became a casualty as well.”

— Gen. George Casey Jr. in regards to a possible backlash towards Muslim soldiers after the shooting at Fort Hood.

“During the middle of his show, Fox News commentator Glenn Beck was rushed to the hospital for an attack of appendicitis. Yeah. Apparently, Beck was crying and screaming incoherently, so his audience assumed everything was normal.”

— Conan O’Brien on “The Tonight Show”

“I love the smell of diapers; I even like when they’re wet and you smell them all warm liked a baked good. I love the smell of Balmex. Love it.”

— Sarah Jessica Parker in an interview with Elle Magazine.

“Having the highest payroll in baseball doesn’t mean you’re going to win. We’ve seen that time and time again. We’re just proud that the money that came off last year we were able to put back into the team for the fans’ sake and made some good decisions and the team became much better for it.”

—Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner, after his club defeated the Phillies in this year’s World Series.

In races for governor, GOP gets big wins

Republicans gained momentum in elections that may reflect the changing direction of the nation

Samuel Tzou
STAFF WRITER

Off-year elections, held on Nov. 3, ended with the victory of two Republican candidates in the states of Virginia and New Jersey.

In Virginia, Bob McDonnell defeated long-time Democrat state Sen. Creigh Deeds for the seat of governor. In New Jersey, Chris Christie, also a Republican, defeated incumbent Gov. Jon Corzine.

Christie will be the first Republican governor of New Jersey since Christine Todd Whitman in 1997. According to Politico, unlike previous New Jersey gubernatorial elections, Christie won by a large margin — over 100,000 votes.

News sources across America speculated that this shift had much to do with the economy. The Associated Press reported on Nov. 7 that Christie will enter office inheriting an \$8 billion deficit that ballooned under Corzine. The AP also reported that Christie would begin certain economic reforms, such as lowering taxes, as well as working from the city level to help mayors jumpstart their economies.

The same is true in Virginia. The Washington Post reported Nov. 3 that McDonnell promised to create jobs in the state’s sluggish economy as well as fix the state’s jammed roadways without raising any taxes.

The approach paid off.

The Post stated in the same report that Republicans swept all three posts that were up for election, as they also won the seats of attorney general as well as lieutenant governor.

However, many politicians



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TRIUMPHANT IN VICTORY— Chris Christie, the newly elected Republican governor of New Jersey, spoke alongside his wife to supporters after he was declared the victor over the incumbent candidate Jon Corzine. Christie joined Bob McDonnell of Virginia as the two major Republicans who unseated incumbent Democrats.

spoke out last week believing that the victory of two governors had more to it than just the states’ economies.

Mississippi Republican Gov. Haley Barbour told United Press International news Saturday that the elections reflect the dissatisfaction Americans have with the federal government under the Obama administration.

“The results made clear the American people don’t like where the Democrats are trying to take our country,” Barbour said in a UPI report.

What surprised many political analysts was the fact that

Republicans won largely thanks to support from independent voters, much like President Barack Obama’s victory over Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) in the presidential election of 2008. The AP reported that after final votes were tallied, the two Republican governor-elects had won by greater than two-to-one margins.

“What happened in other parts of the country does not, I think, reflect my district,” first-term Democratic senator from Pennsylvania Kathy Dahlkemper said. “Honestly, I bet if I went out and stopped 10 people on the street and asked

them who won in New Jersey and Virginia, they wouldn’t be able to tell me.”

Even so, Republicans said that these elections reflect the public opinion shifting away from Obama and the Democrat agenda.

“Americans think economic growth and job creation are priorities one, two, three, and four,” Barbour told UPI. “Despite all the trillions of dollars in spending by this administration and Congress, voters see little progress on jobs.”

Congress takes step to combat rising unemployment

Unemployment benefits are extended with unanimous support by the Senate

Amy Alvine
GUEST WRITER

With the United States economy attempting to rise again, thousands of unemployed citizens in the country have had to apply for unemployment benefits offered by the government.

On Nov. 4, the Senate approved a bill that extends several measures designed to spur the economy and help people who have lost their jobs.

The bill passed through Congress by a 98-0 vote and was sent to Obama. On Nov. 6, President Obama signed into law legislation that includes a provision that will extend unemployment benefits, provide tax cuts for businesses and present help to home buyers.

Every day, 7,000 people lose their jobless benefits. These laid-off workers, in nearly half the states, can collect benefits up to 79 weeks—the longest

period since the unemployment insurance program was created in the 1930s, due to the current emergency extensions already enacted by Congress.

The unemployment benefits proposed by the new legislation will be extended for up to 20

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It concerns me that we continue to spend money when our national debt is so large

— MICHAEL McAULIFFE

(’10)

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additional weeks, with the longest extension being directed towards the states with the highest unemployment rates.

According to the bill, by reducing taxes for struggling

businesses, smaller businesses will receive even larger cuts which will, in turn, expand opportunities for business owners so that they may obtain the funds that are needed to avoid layoffs or to avoid closing their business.

One of the key aspects that have improved the growth of the economy is the housing market.

The rebound in the housing market, as seen in the third quarter, has brought many people into the market.

When asked about what this legislation will do for the housing market, Obama said that the main goal of it is “to give even more families the chance to own their own home.”

Through April 30, 2010, this legislation will extend an \$8,000 first-time homebuyer tax credit and create a new \$6,500 credit for homebuyers who have been in their current residence for the last five years or more.

With the unemployment rate

recently hitting 10.2 percent (the highest rate since 1983), unemployment is fast becoming a critical issue in the eyes of United States citizens.

Michael McAuliffe (’10) said: “Though this [legislation to extend unemployment aid] is sure to help many unemployed Americans, it concerns me that we continue to spend money when our national debt is so large.” To enact this new legislation, it will cost \$24 billion.

In Michigan, this new act of legislation increases the once 79-week unemployment aid program to 99 weeks worth of unemployment aid.

At Hope College, students have seen unemployment take a toll on the Holland area by creating difficulties in finding local jobs. The state’s new rate of unemployment will be announced Nov. 18.

Pulitzer finalist Susan Choi comes to Visiting Writers Series

Ann Malone
STAFF WRITER

Susan Choi, whose novel “American Woman” was a Pulitzer Prize finalist, will be the next speaker in Hope College’s Visiting Writers Series. Choi, a recipient of fellowships from The National Endowment for the Arts and The Guggenheim Foundation, clearly knows her way around a typewriter. Her novels incorporate both fiction and real life events; “American Woman” is a fictionalized account of the Patty Hearst kidnapping, and her latest book, “A Person of Interest,” is about the Unabomber case and the investigation of nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee. Choi’s books have gained

considerable acclaim. Ron Charles of The Washington Post calls “A Person of Interest” “one of the most remarkable novels to have emerged from our age of terror.” According to the New York Times, it “transcends the limitations of our own lives, to find out what it’s like to be someone else, to recognize unmistakable aspects of ourselves staring back at us from the portrait of a stranger. Choi, born in South Bend, Ind., moved to Houston at age 8. She attended Yale University, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in literature, continuing on to earn a Master of Fine Arts



Susan Choi

from Cornell University. She currently resides in Brooklyn, N.Y., with her husband, who edits the dining section of The New York Times, and their two children. She began her career working as a fact-checker for The New Yorker, and has since written three books: “American Woman,” “A Person of Interest” and “The Foreign Student.” Along with David Remnick, she edited a short fiction anthology titled, “Wonderful Town: New York Stories from The New Yorker.” Her nonfiction has appeared in numerous publications including Vogue,

Tin House, Allure, O and The New York Times, as well as in anthologies including “Money Changes Everything” and “Brooklyn Was Mine.” All Visiting Writers Series events are held at the Knickerbocker Theatre in downtown Holland. Choi will be reading on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m.; Hope College Jazz Ensemble will play at 6:30 p.m. Meet and greet, as well as book signing, will follow the event. Admission is free. Choi will also be featured during a question-and-answer session at 3 p.m. on Nov. 12 in the DeWitt Center Herrick Room.

THIS WEEK IN ART

Thursday Nov. 12
Jazz Ensemble Concert
Knickerbocker Theatre, 6:30 p.m.
Visiting Writers Series
Susan Choi, Pulitzer finalist, will read in the Knickerbocker Theatre at 7 p.m.

Friday Nov. 13
Hope Concert Series
Sleeping at Last headlines at the Knickerbocker Theatre at 8 p.m. Also performing will be Denison Witmer.
Symphony Orchestra Concert
Dimnent Memorial Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Nov. 18
The Cool Train: A One Man Performance
Hope alumnus Lunga Sinkua presents a show about the Belhar Confession, a statement of faith that speaks to Christians. The performance will be held in the Dewitt Main Theatre at 7 p.m.

Friday Nov. 20
Nathaniel Dett Chorale
Dimnent Chapel, 7:30 p.m.

Albums you should know...



Benjamin Gibbard & Jay Farrar - “One Fast Move Or I’m Gone”
Rating : 3/5 stars
Music inspired by Jack Kerouac’s Big Sur done by the guy from Death Cab and another guy, resulting in an occasionally interesting album of wordy folk.



Devendra Banhart - “What Will We Be”
Rating: 3.5/5 stars
Watered-down compared to his previous albums - the best tracks are the ones where he still sounds like himself, but it’s still a good listen.

Reliant K - “Forget and Not Slow Down”
Rating: 4/5 stars
Reliant K has continued to grow and produce good music since 2001. Solid album.



Woods - “Songs of Shame”
Rating: 4.5/5 stars
Lo-fi Rock. The album has some instrumental tracks and an awesome cover, and it all comes together to make a really good record.



IN BRIEF

TRANSLATION OF JAPANESE EPIC SET NOV. 18

Dr. Michael Watson, the Meiji Cakuin exchange professor, will present, “‘L’écho des vicissitudes humaines’: The Tale of the Heike through its Translation History” on Nov. 18 at 4 p.m. in the Fried-Hemenway Auditorium. There have been three English translations of the work in the past, and another is in the works. Watson will discuss the work’s importance in Japanese history and focus on its famous opening. “L’écho” is a romanticised account of Japan’s first great civil war in the 1180’s. Watson will discuss how translators of different languages have tried to convey its special rhythm, style and content.

DR. RHODA JANZEN PUBLISHES MEMOIR

Dr. Rhoda Janzen of the Hope College English department has published her memoir. The memoir, titled, “Mennonite in a Little Black Dress,” was inspired by a series of mid-life crises including finding out her husband was leaving her for a man and getting into a car accident. She went home for a scheduled sabbatical leave and reconnected with her childhood religion, Mennonism. As she was sending e-mails to her friends and colleagues, they told her to save her stories, because it was the beginning of a memoir. “Mennonite in a Little Black Dress” is available for \$22 and is on sale at the Hope-Geneva Bookstore, located on the ground floor of the DeWitt Center.

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SLEEPING AT LAST PERFORMS NOV. 13

HOPE FACULTY FEATURED IN SYMPHONY CONCERT

Sleeping at Last will be headlining at the Knickerbocker Theatre on Friday, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. Their song “Quicksand” was featured on “Grey’s Anatomy.” They will be playing songs from their albums “Ghosts” and “Keep No Score.” Also performing will be Denison Witmer, who is musically affiliated with Rosie Thomas and Sufjan Stevens. Tickets will cost \$10 at the door and \$5 with a Hope College I.D. Tickets can be picked up at the ticket office in the main lobby of DeVos Fieldhouse. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. the night of the concert.

The Hope College Symphony Orchestra, performing on Friday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel, will feature faculty member Adam Clark in a rendition of “Piano Concerto in A minor, Op. 54.” Clark joined Hope faculty in 2008 as an assistant professor of music. He is currently teaching courses in applied piano, keyboard skills and piano pedagogy. Closing the concert will be Robert Schumann’s “Symphony No. 3 in E flat major, Op. 97” (“Rhenish”). The public is invited and admission is free.



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'My roommate was wearing my underwear.'

-Senior

Alyssa Barigian
Guest Writer

We all have experienced awkward moments at some point in our life, such as sleeping in class with your teacher waking you up or waving and shouting to someone who you thought you knew, but it turned out you didn't. Whatever the case may be, these moments were awkward. Have you ever had an awkward roommate encounter? These Hope students have – like the senior quoted above – and they wanted to share with us...



"Before I met my roommate, I looked her up on Facebook and she was karate-kicking a glass door. Later on, I was looking through her pictures again and saw one with her holding up an axe and two guns! I almost called Hope to switch my roommate."

- Sophomore

"One day, I was brushing my hair and looking into my mirror. Then I noticed that my roommate was also looking at me...through my mirror."

- Junior

"I was sleeping and my roommate was doing her homework. I bolted out of bed (startling my roommate) and shouted, 'Pudding! Where's the pudding?!' and then proceeded to dramatically collapse back down onto my pillow as my roommate stared at me in awe."

- Junior



"One night, I woke up from my sleep and one of my roommates was just staring at me. I asked, 'What are you doing?' and he responded, 'I can't sleep.'"

- Sophomore

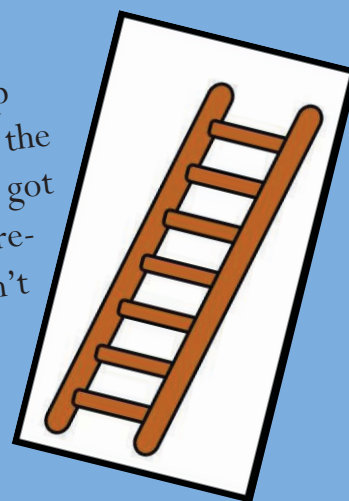


"I was taking a nap and my roommate came charging into the room, flicked on the lights and started singing really loudly, adding her own dance moves. I didn't know what to do, so I just calmly said my roommate's name and she spun around and screamed bloody murder."

- Sophomore

"My roommate thought I was gone one day and climbed up my ladder and into my bed. She then realized that I was in the bed and looked at me, confused. Within five seconds, she got out of my bed and quickly left the room. Later on, she pretended like nothing ever happened. To this day, I still don't know why she got in my bed."

- Junior



Although things can get awkward between roommates at times, there is still hope for a good friendship. Here is some advice for getting past those embarrassing moments with your roommate:

- Do fun things together! You two will become more comfortable around each other, and it will be less awkward at times.
- Laugh when it does become awkward. It may not even be funny, but laugh anyway!
- Ask each other fun questions! You never know what you can learn about each other.
- If all else fails, Hope's Counseling Center is open for business (but hopefully it won't become that difficult!).

Take notes on the stories above and try to avoid these situations as much as possible. Although the awkwardness can remain even after using this advice, just remember - you can always choose a new roommate next year!

From the inside out

Chris O'Brien
Assistant Sports Editor



Phelps Dining Hall
is on an ego trip

Let me explain.
Phelps switched to the entirely trayless approach this year to try to gain back some environmental street-credit, an area in which it had fallen short in recent years. The problem is, I can no longer get my two glasses of milk, one glass of water and one glass of Gatorade, I have to narrow it down to just one cup (and mixing the four together is not a viable option).
Also, I have to endure through the occasional, "Hey Chris!" returning the wave only to watch my plateful of noodles hit the floor. When I had the extra space on the tray, I could throw on a bunch of extra crap with no fear of it spilling at the worst possible times. But no, in the name of environmental awareness, I can no longer

grab way more food than I am going to eat.
I went online Saturday afternoon to see if I had missed the time Phelps Dining Hall was open. I was shocked to find out Phelps didn't still serve lunch at 3 p.m. But more importantly, when I was on the site, I found something completely outrageous. Apparently, you can follow Phelps Dining Hall on Twitter. I couldn't believe it. I had to do a double-take and click refresh a couple times, until I realized it was true. Here's the deal: I don't think there will ever be a point in my life when I will say, "Hey, I think I'm going to a) get a Twitter account and b) follow Phelps Dining Hall's tweets."
I just don't understand the rationale behind Twitter. It is essentially just the Facebook status line. That's the entire site. When Facebook came out after Myspace, the upgrade made sense; Facebook was a legitimately better site. But going from Facebook to Twitter is like going from Toaster Strudels back down to Pop-Tarts; from an iPod Touch back down to a Sony Walkman; from your mom's cooking all the way down to Phelps food. In other words, it's not an upgrade at all.
And the push to make Twitter cool is ridiculous. Almost every SportsCenter I watch, I can always count on some type of reference being made to Twitter.

It's always, "Here's Shaq's recent tweet and Dwight Howard's tweet response to Shaq's tweet, and Shaq's tweet response to Dwight's tweet about Shaq's tweet. And here's Ocho-Cinco's tweet. Tweet, tweet, tweet, twitter, twitter, twitter." I simply refuse to buy into it.
I don't know what following Phelps Dining Hall on Twitter would even mean. Do they let you know what is on the menu a couple hours in advance?
"Today we will be serving the beef and noodles. Pepto-Bismol is on sale at the bookstore."
Do Phelps and Cook compete for number of followers?
Does Shaq follow Phelps on Twitter?
The biggest question of all is how many people try to subscribe to Michael Phelps's Twitter page and end up receiving "Breakfast for Dinner" updates?

My name is Chris O'Brien and, no, you cannot follow me on Twitter. P.S. Watch Miley Cyrus's Twitter rap on Youtube; it will make you question the future of the world.

Letter to the Editors

Students urged to fill out SALT
assessment

To the Editors:

Starting last spring semester, Hope College began urging all students to fill out a new course assessment: SALT (Student Assessment of Learning and Teaching). Why bother to fill out the SALT assessment? Because Hope's faculty and administration are paying attention to what students say, that's why! Student input using SALT is already affecting how faculty members view their course design and the curriculum as a whole.
A large portion of the October faculty meeting was devoted to presenting SALT results. Several trends were noted related to curiosity, openness to new ideas, critical thinking and writing. English 113, the first year writing course, showed strong scores overall on helping students develop not just their writing skills but curiosity and creativity as well.
In contrast, SALT scores showed that several parts of the curriculum that are supposed to help students improve their writing were not perceived as strong in this area. Partly in response to this, the Academic Affairs Board voted to form a faculty committee that will work on how to improve writing instruction at Hope College.
SALT data is also being used by a committee formed to evaluate Hope College's current general education requirements.
SALT data will only be useful if student participation remains high. Last spring, 85 percent of students filled out SALT forms, either in class or online. If student SALT participation remains high as more and more courses do SALT online, Hope will be able to reduce the use of paper. So doing SALT online helps improve both teaching and learning at Hope as well as Hope's environmental stewardship.

Carol Simon
Professor of Philosophy
Director of General Education and IDS

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Musings on mutual misunderstandings

Karen Patterson
Co Editor-in-Chief



I hope you dance

Everyday we move in a variety of ways. For many of us, our daily movements consist of simply walking to class and perhaps engaging in some form of physical fitness at the Dow. Some people are constantly moving: tapping a pen against the desk in class, bouncing a leg to help focus on the lecture or bobbing one’s head in rhythm to a catchy song.

On occasion, though, we are able to partake in a form of movement that is much more involved than anything we do on a daily basis: dancing. Halloween weekend I was out with friends, and one friend commented that he isn’t a very good dancer. The natural reaction to that statement was something to the effect of “I doubt that’s true.”

However, he was insistent and we dropped the subject. His comments got me thinking, though. What is it about dancing that has some people convinced that they are proteges and others positive that they shouldn’t come within 100 yards of a dance floor?

In high school, and even here at Hope, it seems that a circle always forms, and the best dancers are shoved into the middle to show off their skills, while the rest of us are left to stand in observation wishing that we could move in a similar fashion.

I studied classical ballet for just over six years when I was younger, and for the first two years at Hope, I was able to take classes to continue my dance education. By no stretch of the imagination I am not a great dancer, but that will never stop me from dancing.

For me, dance is an opportunity for me to express something that I love, that I can’t always convey with words. I’m the person that hears certain songs and wants nothing more than to get up and start moving because

something about the rhythm combined with the instruments and melody begs me to react.

Still, many people have never taken a dance class in their life. Some enjoy it but don’t think they have talent. Others don’t even like to dance. To all those people, I say dance anyways. If dancing makes you happy, it shouldn’t matter if you are a little off the beat or can’t seem to get your arms to move in conjunction with your legs.

Make up new moves if that’s what your heart desires. One of my friends has something that he likes to call “the Microwave,” and while it’s completely over the top and silly, he manages to rock it.

While many readers will never even know what a *fouette* is, much less master 32 of them (that’s for all you *Swan Lake* experts), dancing is something that is for everyone. Don’t be afraid to bust out a move or maybe just freestyle to a song on the radio. It’s amazing how three minutes of movement can completely transform your day to make it better.

Karen would love a starring role in the Joffrey Ballet’s “Nutcracker” but is willing to settle for a chance to do nothing but to dance for the rest of her life ... preferably with a tall, strong, handsome partner who will make her look dainty and graceful.

Letter to the Editors

Students should not feel repressed

To the Editors:

First, a story: something that happened years ago now, which I will always remember. One of my students came reluctantly to my office. He had not been doing well: missing assignments, not coming much to class, withdrawn and silent when he did show up. For a while, he just looked at the floor, not saying anything. “I guess I’m just depressed,” he finally muttered. It was one of those moments when you know something important is up here, when you wish somebody would tell you what to say next. “Is it just a general feeling of depression,” I ventured, “or do you think you know the reason for it?” “I do know the reason,” he answered. “I’m gay.”

My heart went out to this young man, but I was more distressed as he told me how he had been trying to explore this self-discovery: sneaking to Grand Rapids, visiting gay bars, letting himself get picked up by strangers, experiencing confusion and self-doubt as it became clear that few of them had any desire to see him again. I wanted to tell him that it didn’t have to be like that, that gay people too could form sustained and loving relationships that would permit them to live their lives with dignity. But there were really no models I could point to, nobody local at least, that would give him the kind of positive example we all need as we struggle to shape who we are and who we want to be. Like some of my colleagues, I am concerned [about the lifestyle] that Lance Black seems to exemplify, and I can well understand why some might find him repugnant. But what I hope for my gay students—indeed, for all my students—is that healthier and happier expressions of homosexuality may be brought forward and affirmed, and that can only happen on any kind of scale when gay people feel free to come out of hiding and join the rest of us in trying to make this a better world. Questions of sexuality are difficult because they go to the core of our identities, but in these times especially they must not be repressed.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Verduin
Professor of English

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Grace & peace

Grace Olson
Columnist



Make good neighbors

Two weeks ago, on October’s only dry day, I watched as the oaks in front of Pillar Church offered their brilliant, dry leaves to the wind: autumn’s twist on the snow globe. And of course I had to take advantage of the weather, so when I came home after class, I threw on a pair of worn-out jeans, grabbed the rake from the garage and started to clear the yard. I’d hardly touched the garden since autumn set in, so I pulled up the basil, cilantro and tomato plants, rescuing the green ones to ripen on the windowsill, and left the marigolds and the nasturtiums to boast their fiery glory for another few weeks.

The neighbor kids came over to help rake and to ask if they could pick the leftover flowers, and my friend pulled up, watching me comb the yard into orange-brown drifts, until my other neighbor, Mr. Garcia, handed him a rake and told him to get to work. With two rakes, we quickly swept the leaves from yard to curbside, so my friend left and I went to return the rake.

I’ve lived next to Mr. and Mrs. Garcia since May, but because they speak very little English and I struggle even to conjugate the present indicative, our communication has been limited. (To demonstrate: when I borrowed a shovel earlier this summer, I had to ask Mr. Garcia for *una cuchara* — a spoon — for

the garden.) But when I rang their doorbell and extended the rake toward him, he motioned for me to come into the kitchen: “You want to eat deenner?” I shook my head. “No, I don’t want to bother you!” He looked at me insistently, and I could see Mrs. Garcia nodding from her wheelchair at the table behind him.

This isn’t the first time they’ve offered me food, either: twice over the summer, as I left on my bike for work, Mr. Garcia stopped me and handed me a blackened spear of grilled corn to eat on the way. So this time I came in. I asked if I could wash my hands, stuttering, “¿Lavar las manos?” Motioning toward the sink, Mr. Garcia scooped milky rice into a bowl for me. He pointed to a plastic box of store-bought pastries, encouraging me to take some. I chose one and took a spoonful of the sweet rice soup, while Mr. Garcia said, “You feenish the yard? Your family in Chicago? Your mother veeseet?”

I stumbled my way through a Spanish explanation that yes, there were many leaves, and yes, my family lives near Chicago, and no, my mom hasn’t had a chance to visit since May. When I asked about his family, he said his daughters all live nearby, that his wife has been sick for seven years, and that his yappy chihuahua Judi (“Yoo-dhee”) is also seven.

Reaching for the pot, Mr. Garcia offered me more rice, but I patted my stomach and said I was full. I set my dishes in the sink and thanked them over and over for their hospitality. Nodding toward each of them again — “¡Gracias, gracias!” — I closed the door behind me and traipsed home, grateful for the meal and the yard work that has prompted their generosity and made us into neighbors.

Grace hopes that even the dreaded chore of shoveling will lead to more encounters with the Garcias this winter.

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Men’s soccer season comes to a close

James Nichols
WEBMASTER

It all came down to one game.

Hope vs. Calvin: The Rivalry. If Calvin wins they earn the MIAA title outright. If Hope wins or settles for a tie, they win the title. In the end, Saturday afternoon’s game ended with a lot of happy Calvin College fans.

With a 1-0 victory, Calvin was crowned MIAA champs with a division record of 10-3-1. Hope, on the other hand, finished the regular season with a 9-2-3 record in the MIAA and 13-4-3 overall record. The Flying Dutchmen fell short of Calvin, who finished with 31 points in the MIAA this season, by compiling 28 division points this season (three points are awarded for a win and each team gets one point for a tie).

“We have had a very successful year,” said Coach Steve Smith. Smith attributes the team’s success to good team camaraderie and solid performances.

Hope outperformed almost

every one of its opponents this season. The Flying Dutchmen averaged 1.60 goals per game while their opponents averaged only 0.60 goals per game. They had six more shots per game on average than their opponents.

One reason for these remarkable numbers: the senior class.

“The senior class deserves the recognition this year,” said Smith. “They bring good leadership and everyday solid, consistent performance.”

This year’s senior class accounted for 17 of the team’s 32 goals. Forty-two of the team’s 88 points also came from seniors (two points are awarded for a goal and one point for an assist).

Jeffrey Ekdom (’13) finished second on the team in goals (5) and points (11) along with David Whitaker (’12), who equaled Ekdom’s point total but finished fourth on the team in goals (4).

Logan Neil (’12) was the main man in net this season for the Flying Dutchmen. By averaging a miniscule 0.44 goals against per game, Neil was a force to be

reckoned with. Ten shutouts help to explain the incredible 0.889 save percentage Neil racked up this season.

A MIAA championship this season would have marked the ninth under Smith. The eight titles Smith already has is a Hope College coaching record. Other records held by Smith: win percentage [overall (0.76) and MIAA (0.79)], seasons coached (19), most wins (265) and consequently, most losses (87).

When asked what the secret is to his success, Smith praised the Holland community.

“Hope is a great community,” said Smith. “We gather good people around us here.” He offered thanks to the admissions office, administration and alumni that help with recruiting. Smith also said he couldn’t be as successful as he has been without assistant coach Lee Schopp.

Winning the MIAA means the Calvin College Knights are automatically qualified for the NCAA Championship. Over the past 19 seasons, Hope has

a 5-8 record all time at NCAA Championship tournaments and will have to wait until next season to get another shot.

Smith didn’t seem to be too worried about not making it to the NCAA Championship though.

“We will talk about next season next year,” said Smith. He wants to focus on this season’s accomplishments and wait a bit to even think about the possibilities for next season.

Smith’s team has finished second in the MIAA six times now, including this season. This year’s second place finish also marks the third second-place finish in a row for the Flying Dutchmen.

The men’s soccer team shouldn’t hang their heads too much, though. They have finished first or second in the MIAA every season for the past nine seasons and Smith considers that something to be thankful for.

“God has blessed us,” said Smith.

THIS WEEK IN SPORTS

Thursday Volleyball vs. Lakeland at 8 p.m.	Nov. 12
Friday Volleyball NCAA regional semifinals at 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.	Nov. 13
Saturday Football vs. Kalamazoo at 1 p.m. Volleyball NCAA regional final at 7 p.m.	Nov. 14
Tuesday Women’s basketball vs. Madonna at 6 p.m. Men’s basketball vs. Rochester at 8 p.m.	Nov. 17

IN BRIEF

FOOTBALL FALLS LATE

Hope College’s football team traveled to Alma on Saturday and had yet another heartbreaking loss. The Flying Dutchmen’s record is deceiving compared to how the team has performed on the field.

At 2-7 it is easy to look at the season from a distance and view it as a failure. However, when the actual games are analyzed one can see Hope has been within a touchdown in every game this season with the exception of a 12 point loss to Wheaton who is currently ranked 21 in the D3Football.com poll.

With two 3-point losses, one 2-point loss, one 1-point loss, and a double overtime heart-breaker, it is by no means a stretch to say the Flying Dutchmen could be a legitimate 7-2 right now competing for a play-off spot.

The Flying Dutchmen look to make a statement this Saturday in their season finale against Kalamazoo, home at 1 p.m.

HOPE HOSTS REGATTA

Last Saturday the Hope Sailing team finished up its season by hosting the Area East Regatta at Macatawa Bay. Nine schools from around the midwest attended the competition. Several volunteers from the yacht club contributed to the event and there was significant support from spectators, specifically the sailors’ families. The weather could not have been better: sunny and warm with steady winds.

The fall season typically runs from Sept. to the first week in Nov. The team has been meeting at the flagpole in front of Graves Hall multiple days per week since September and has opened the club up to anyone who is interested in giving sailing a try.

Each week the team sails out from Macatawa Bay Yacht Club. This year, the team is a balanced mix of experienced and amateur sailors.

The team will come together again for the spring season.

Volleyball qualifies for national tournament

Jake Bajema
STAFF WRITER

Hope College’s volleyball team has been nothing less than dominant as of late. The Flying Dutch were undefeated for a month-long span, stretching from the Illinois Wesleyan Barker Invitational in which they fell to UW-Platteville on Oct. 3 and this past Saturday after a loss to rival Calvin in the MIAA conference tournament championship game

The only challenging game the Dutch ran into during this undefeated streak was the conference clincher at Calvin two weeks ago. The match was a five-set thriller in which the ladies won the first set 25-22 before dropping the next two 22-25 and

25-27. A record crowd of 2,775 was in attendance at Van Noord Arena on the campus of Calvin College to see the Flying Dutch come back and win the final two sets 25-12 and 15-6 to clinch the regular season conference title.

“The atmosphere was crazy,” said junior outside hitter Sara DeWeerd. “Beating Calvin at their place was one of the most memorable moments of the season thus far.”

The ladies were victorious against Calvin for the second time this year but faced Calvin for a third time in the conference tournament championship game in DeVos Fieldhouse on Saturday, Nov. 7. Calvin triumphed in the first set, 25-15, but Hope rallied to

even the game out in the second set, 25-23. However, Calvin came back with a vengeance and won the next two sets, 25-23 and 25-15 to take the game, the conference tournament championship and the automatic NCAA tournament bid. Hope’s volleyball team, however, received the at-large bid on Monday and will also participate in the tournament, facing off against Lakeland College at 8 p.m. tomorrow.

Winning a conference championship was a goal for the team this year, but achieving that goal is one that the ladies got to celebrate about for just a bit.

“We enjoyed that moment after the game for about two

minutes. After that gloating over our undefeated conference season, we didn’t feel that it was enough to just get a conference championship,” Cassidy Bulthuis (’11) said. “We want more than that.”

The team will get a chance to get more with the NCAA tournament coming up, the first round of which will be hosted in DeVos Fieldhouse.

The team is excited at the chance to continue their season at home. Senior captain Teresa Borst says playing on the home court will be a big advantage for the ladies.

“We just head on the court and play our game. We go out there and have fun, and like coach always says, we just have to go out there and show the fans how much we love this game and how much we love each other.”

The team has become a close-knit group over these past few months and it has shown on the court with their stellar record and team chemistry both on and off the court.

“This is the closest and most fun group of girls that I’ve ever had the pleasure to play with,” Borst said. “To have gone 16-0 in the conference is an unbelievable feeling. It’s just a base-line though. We want to keep building on this success every single day. We can’t settle for just a conference title.”

The team is looking forward to these next few weeks as they try to bring home a National Championship title. Though the season may be wrapping up, they are hoping to create a few more fireworks before the season ends.



PHOTO BY HOLLY EVENHOUSE

SAILING REGATTA— Hope College’s sailing team, including Megan Sweet (’10) and Trevan Thompson (’11) pictured above, hosted the Area East regatta on Macatawa Bay over the weekend.

See brief on right.

Basketball season arrives at Hope College

Women hope to build on history of success this year | Men look to pick up where they left off last season



PHOTOS BY ANN GREEN

Chris Ray
GUEST WRITER

Winning never comes easy. It is rare enough to have one, two or three consecutive winning seasons, but for the women's varsity basketball team, winning has become tradition.

After winning 20 games in each of the past 11 seasons, as well as winning the National Division III Championship in 2006 and reaching the Elite Eight the past two seasons, the team is confident that their success will continue. The Flying Dutch enter this season ranked third in the nation, but head coach Brian Morehouse doesn't think the high expectations will negatively affect the team.

"I suggested winning to the team and they agreed that would be a good way to deal with the high expectations," Morehouse said.

With the leadership of tri-captains Jenny Cowen ('10), Philana Greene ('10) and Carrie Snickers ('11), the team has highly valued experience. All three players have been awarded with first-team MIAA distinction in the past, and Snickers was named a consensus Division-III All-American last season. The captains carry a large burden for how the season goes.

"[The captains'] duties are to lead by example and have fun," Morehouse said. "Their discipline and enthusiasm will set the benchmarks for expectations."

After finishing last season with a 28-2 record, an MIAA Championship and an Elite Eight berth, the Dutch are looking to keep their goals and expectations high.

Losing to the eventual national champions during the past two years in the NCAA tournament, is fresh in the team's mind.

"Our goals are to improve each day, win the league, win the league tournament and go as far in the NCAA [tournament] as possible, ideally the Final Four," Morehouse said.

Even though the team is the defending MIAA champ, Calvin, St. Mary's and Albion pose a threat to knocking off the Flying Dutch from the winner's circle. Although these three teams are all worthy



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The last time the Hope College men's basketball team hit the hardwood, they authored a dramatic run to the MIAA Tournament crown with a last-second victory over archrival Calvin.

After falling in the first round of the NCAA Division III tournament and also the graduation of All-American Jesse

his young guards.

"We have a strong core of experienced players in forward Will Bowser ('11) Peter Bunn ('11) and David Krombeen ('12). These guys worked well together last season and should be a force for us along with designated shooter Ty Tanis ('11) and Scott Jungling ('10)," Van Wieren said.

Inside, the Flying Dutchmen are talented but inexperienced.

"We are looking to Chris Nelis ('10), Andy Venema ('11) and Adam Dickerson ('11) to provide us with a solid post presence," Van Wieren said. "We have a talented group of freshmen and as the season progresses, I expect us to improve. We will be better in January than we were in December and should be at our best during the postseason."

Under the leadership of tri-captains Bowser, Nelis and Bunn, the Dutchmen began preparing for the season in summer.

"The core guys off of last year's team all lived in Holland for the entire summer in the same house. Being in the same house, we literally played in the Dow with each other every single day," Bowser said.

"We were also involved in two different summer leagues, where we played other college teams in the area. The awesome atmosphere on this year's team is a direct result of hanging out together all summer and doing what we all love to do: play basketball," Bowser added.

The Dutchmen are ranked nationally in DIII preseason polls and are expected to compete for the MIAA title and a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

However, the team's mission goes far beyond just winning basketball games.

"Success for us is not about championships; it's about the journey. It's about each player having the peace of mind when he walks off the court after every game and after every practice that he has given his best to be the best.

"If the players have fun, become friends instead of merely teammates, and give themselves completely to the team, the season will be a success," Van Wieren said. Van Wieren sees a bigger picture for his basketball team.

"The purpose of this team is to serve the community, and it is my hope that the lessons my players learn playing basketball will make them better leaders, fathers, and men later in life."

Class of 2013 prospects



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The six freshman prospects include guard Olivia Allore of Muskegon (Muskegon Catholic Central HS); guard Liz Ellis of Grand Rapids (East Grand Rapids HS); forward Courtney Kust of Cincinnati, Ohio (Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy); center Ashley Bauman of Manistee (Manistee Catholic Central HS); forward Jillian Nichols of Brighton (Brighton HS); center Meredith Kussmaul of Hartland (Hartland HS). Coach Brian Morehouse believes these players can help the varsity team in many ways.

"They are all good players," Morehouse said. "Their job is to get better every day, just like our veterans. The freshmen typically make large improvements during the season as they learn our system."

and tough opponents, Morehouse said another team poses the biggest threat to the success of the Flying Dutch.

"Ourselves. We try to get ourselves ready to play every day by practicing at a high level. All I can ask

our players to do is play to their ability. If they do that, I'm pleased," Morehouse said.

With a 49-game winning streak at DeVos Fieldhouse, the team will be difficult to beat. If they play to their ability, The road to the Final Four and NCAA championship could run through Hope.



Three freshmen prospects from the Class of 2013 will join the ranks of the varsity basketball team this season. Guard Jared Mysliwiec of Wyoming (Tri-Unity Christian) forward Nate Snuggerud of Zeeland (Zeeland East) and center Josh Holwerda of Gallup, New Mexico (Rehoboth Christian) are expected to be impact players in the future for the Dutchmen. Holwerda, who is 6'7" and described by Coach Glen VanWieren as a "lights out shooter" is thousands of miles away from his home in New Mexico.

"My dad played for Coach Van Wieren and there are no small, Christian colleges in New Mexico, so I decided to come to Hope. It has been really different than back home, but I love it," Holwerda said.

Reimink ('09), the Flying Dutchmen are eager to reinvent themselves in the 2009-10 season.

"The loss in the NCAA Tournament kindled our fire as a team, and the boys have been working hard since the day after the season ended last year," Coach Glenn Van Wieren said.

"The past few seasons everyone looked to Jesse for guidance and with good reason. He was an All-American in every sense of the word, on and off the court.

"This year, everyone is being forced to look at themselves, and we think this will ultimately make us more balanced as a team."

The team has high goals to help them become more balanced this season. "A goal for us will always be to have five players in double figures," Van Wieren said.

With only two seniors on this year's squad, Van Wieren will rely heavily on

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